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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 46.0 degrees, 0.8 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 11. Precipitation averaged 0.09 inches, 0.74 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 2 points below normal.

Reporters rated 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 9. This is 1.4 days more than last year and 0.8 days more than the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	2.8	0.7	5.0
2003	1.4	3.2	7.0
1999-2003 Average	2.0	3.4	8.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	60	39
Last Week	0	0	28	72
Same Week Last Year	0	2	55	43
1999-2003 Average	1	5	60	34

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 11

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 13 percent jointed, this is the same as last year’s schedule but two days behind the 1999-03 average. Fourteen percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is slightly ahead of last year but eight days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate that about one percent of oats have emerged. This is the same as last year and six days behind the 1999-03 average. Approximately three percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This slightly behind last year, and six days behind the five-year average.

Apples are 47 percent in green tip compared to 52 percent in green tip last year and 40 percent for the five year average. **Peaches** are 45 percent in green tip and four percent in full bloom, compared to 47 in green tip and 10 in full bloom percent in 2003.

Weather conditions improved this past week but fields remain too wet in many areas for field work. Amish farmers were able to plow fields too wet for heavy equipment. Producers in drier locations planted oats and small amounts of potatoes. Farmers top dressed wheat, spread manure and applied fertilizer to fields in preparation for corn and soybean planting. Producers worked on conservation practices, installed tiles, and continued preparing tillage and planting equipment.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Soil temperatures remain too cool in most locations for corn or soybean planting. Reporters rated the majority of winter wheat at 72 percent good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions continue to improve with respondents reporting 62 percent in good to excellent condition compared to 53 percent last year.

Livestock was rated at 70 percent good to excellent condition. Farmers are feeding less hay as livestock begins to graze on pastures.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 11

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples in green tip	47	52	40	13	NA
Oats planted	14	11	31	2	7
Oats emerged	1	1	6	NA	NA
Peaches in green tip	45	47	41	15	NA
Potatoes planted	3	3	8	1	NA
Winter wheat jointed	13	13	15	3	7

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 11

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	17	70	11
Previous Week	1	1	21	65	11
Previous Year	0	3	22	67	8
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	6	27	58	8
Previous Week	1	8	30	54	7
Previous Year	2	4	24	60	10
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	17	65	15
Previous Week	1	4	22	60	13
Previous Year	0	2	17	70	11
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	10	27	52	10
Previous Week	4	8	35	48	5
Previous Year	3	8	32	49	8
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	18	69	11
Previous Week	1	2	23	64	10
Previous Year	0	3	19	68	10
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	23	58	14
Previous Week	1	5	28	54	12
Previous Year	0	2	18	57	23

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 11

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	44.8	1.4	0.04	-0.78	0.11	-1.15	25	1	34	-4
North Central	43.8	0.5	0.13	-0.69	0.78	-0.51	18	-5	23	-15
Northeast	40.8	-1.7	0.14	-0.64	1.14	-0.26	8	-15	9	-29
West Central	47.4	2.3	0.04	-0.85	0.16	-1.23	33	3	40	-7
Central	47.1	1.2	0.06	-0.77	0.46	-0.96	33	0	38	-15
Central Hills	44.4	0.3	0.10	-0.76	0.81	-0.65	21	-6	25	-20
Northeast Hills	43.4	-1.2	0.17	-0.66	1.05	-0.37	20	-10	21	-27
Southwest	49.6	2.4	0.08	-0.84	0.26	-1.26	42	6	48	-10
South Central	49.4	1.1	0.06	-0.65	0.98	-0.27	46	2	51	-20
Southeast	47.0	0.4	0.09	-0.72	1.13	-0.25	36	-1	41	-20
STATE	46.0	0.8	0.09	-0.74	0.67	-0.71	29	-2	34	-16

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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